SISTER COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS TAKE CONCERNS TO CHICAGO'S SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE

On Monday, September 23, a delegation of activists from the Sister Community Project took our concerns for the continuing violence in Alexandra Township to the South African Consulate in Chicago. Local supporters of Alex were joined by ACO member Mzwanele Mayekiso and long-time anti-apartheid activist and former Northwestern Professor Dennis Brutus. Activists confronted Consul General Eric Broekhuysen with first hand reports on the continuing deplorable conditions in Alex and with current information on police collusion with Inkatha in recent violent attacks on Alex residents. Concern about the recently disclosed secret South African government funding of Inkatha was also raised. The delegation demanded that the violence in Alexandra be stopped immediately. Support was expressed for the Alexandra Civic Organization and its campaign for grassroots democratic action in Alex, particularly for the historic Alexandra Accord which promises to bring much needed infrastructure improvements to the township.

The Consul General assured the delegation that he would pass along our concerns to South African officials in Pretoria. The delegation made it clear that we here in Chicago will be following events in Alexandra closely in the future. The Sister Community Project is planning to continue this dialogue with South African representatives in the future. You can participate in this campaign by joining a future delegation and/or by passing the enclosed petition which will be presented at the next meeting. For more information call Joan at 421-5513.

CIVIC LEADER SAM NTULI ASSASSINATED
18 MOURNERS KILLED BY GUNMEN AT FUNERAL

(portions taken from a report by Laurie Adams and Chris Benner from the joint offices of the U.S. South Africa Sister Community Project and Global Exchange in Johannesburg)

Sam Ntuli, General Secretary of CAST (Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal of which the Alexandra Civic Association is a member), leader in the Thokoza civic, ANC member, and former regional organizer for the National Union on Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) was gunned down in Thokoza, near Johannesburg on September 29th. He was driving alone when he was run off the road by a car full of AK-47 wielding assassins who fired at him repeatedly. The attack was clearly orchestrated by professionals, and clearly by people who had little to fear from the police. The assassination was carried out in broad daylight on one of the busiest streets in Thokoza with numerous witnesses around. The murder suspects actually came to his home minutes before his death and then followed him when he left. Despite descriptions of the car and the suspects, no arrests have been made.

As the 12,000 strong crowd of mourners left Ntuli's funeral in Thokoza, men speeding by in vans sprayed the crowd with gunfire. Later, some mourners standing at a taxi stand were similarly attacked. 18 people died in these attacks. Still, no arrests were made.

The attack on Ntuli happened on the eve of important negotiations between CAST and the business sector over threatened bond repayment boycotts and followed a day after Ntuli met with Inkatha officials to discuss the peace accord. The same night of Ntuli's death, 12 other Thokoza civic and ANC (continued on page 2)
WALKATHON RAISES $8,500

The 1991 Soweto Day Walkathon, which was held on June 15th, raised $8,500 for groups working to build the new democratic South Africa. Half of the proceeds was sent to Chicago's sister community the Alexandra Civic Organization for their work in building grassroot democratic structures on the ground in spite of foot-dragging by the South African government in constitutional reforms. The other half went to the South African Council of Churches for their important work in resettling exiled South Africans who are returning to their homeland after years abroad.

The 1991 Walkathon was a great success. In spite of the hot weather, close to 200 walkers joined in the 6 kilometer walk on Chicago's West Side. Chicago anti-apartheid activists were joined in the Walkathon by Alexandra Township residents Moses Mayekiso and Mary Ntignane and a number of South Africans gave spirit to the Walk, leading walkers in chants and toi-toi style marching. Chicago-style spirit was provided by a large group of young people from P.C.G. Westside Express Youth Club who showed us all that "the West side is the best side." The Walkathon route took participants past a number of historical and significant sites. Once again, it was a time of coming together to express our solidarity with those who struggle against apartheid in South Africa as well in our own Chicago neighborhoods.

Many thanks to those of you who walked this year. We had significant participation from LaSalle St. Church, First Church of the Brethren, South Menard Block Club, Synapses, University Church, Church of the Epiphany, AKA Sorority and Girl Scout Troop 760. Thanks also to the many dedicated people who worked on the Walkathon, particularly members of Church World Service, The Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project, Chicago Mozambique Support Network and the Illinois Labor Network Against Apartheid...

To those of you who missed the Walkathon, there's always next year! Mark your calendar for June 13, 1991. If you are interested in working on the Walkathon Committee contact CCISSA 427-9868.

ACTION ALERT

Contact the following persons about the murder of Sam Ntuli and other anti-apartheid activists:

James Baker
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Senator Paul Simon
230 S. Dearborn Suite 3892
Chicago, IL 60604 312-353-4952

Senator Alan Dixon
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Chicago, IL 60604 312-353-5420

President F.W. DeKlerk
State President's Office
Private Bag X 83
Pretoria, 0001 South Africa
FAX 3 0112712 3233982

Mon methods of assassination. Vigilante activity (which includes Inkatha but also hired killers) led to another 1302 deaths on the Jan.-Aug. 1991 period. Another 1550 people were injured.

The senseless, random murder of mourners at the funeral is clearly part of the campaign to terrorize township residents. We must join with anti-apartheid leaders in condemning these actions and in calling for an immediate end to hit-squad activities in South Africa.

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leaders were arrested, supposedly under suspicion for an attack on Inkatha a few weeks previously. Clearly, the assassination and the arrests were an attempt to disrupt both the peace process in Thokoza and the successful negotiating of CAST and the Thokoza Civic with the business sector.

In the wake of Ntuli's death, the ANC and the South African Communist Party called for the building of self-defense units in the townships. Nelson Mandela condemned the government's continued sponsorship of hit-squads, some of which he said have been brought into the country from Namibia, where they previously terrorized SWAPO organizers. Mandela has refused to begin formal talks until the government halts township violence.

The significance of the attack on Ntuli was not only that it claimed the life of one of South Africa's most prominent activists but also that it is part of a marked increase in political assassinations. The Human Rights Commission (of South Africa) reports that 36 activists have been killed by hit-squads in the last 3 months with an equal number of attempted assassinations. 60 activists have been killed in the past 15 months. Drive by shootings and petrol-bombings were com-
CHICAGO'S SISTER COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AFRICA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Alexandra is a black township outside Johannesburg in South Africa. The vast majority of the 350,000 residents live in corrugated metal, one room shacks with no plumbing, electricity or regular sanitation services. The Alexandra Civic Organization (ACO) officially became Chicago's sister community by action of the City Council in April 1990.

Following months of negotiation, the ACO recently entered into an historic agreement with the Transvaal Provincial Administration which would greatly improve the standard of living in Alexandra. The Accord outlines new rent schedules and an immediate plan of action for water, sewage and garbage removal. The Alexandra Accord is seen as a model of grassroots democratic action for townships throughout South Africa.

Recent attacks on the Accord have threatened to weaken the agreement. Questionable new organizations have appeared to challenge the legitimacy of the ACO. These groups have taken actions which are designed to be confused with the activities of the ACO. This disruption is aggravated by police harassment and violent attacks by the Inkatha Freedom Party resulting in the inability to convene meetings to publicly discuss the contents and nature of the Accord with the residents of Alexandra. Despite these attacks, the ACO enjoys the recognition by the residents of Alex as the democratic structure which represents their community's interests. Alexandra needs this Accord to be implemented without delay. Join us in petitioning the South African government to remove all barriers to improvement in the quality of life in Alexandra Township.

ACO ACTIVISTS VISIT CHICAGO
TECHNICAL SUPPORT COMMITTEES FORMED

Chicagoans present Mzwanele Mayekiso with City Council resolution making Chicago and ACO sister communities.

Mary Ntingane and Mzwanele Mayekiso, two activists from the Alexandra Civic Organization, Chicago's Sister Community in South Africa, spent 6 weeks preceding the June 15th Soweto Day Walkathon on a speaking/organizing tour in the Chicago area. They were brought to Chicago by the Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project with assistance from local labor and church organizations. The purpose of the trip was to familiarize them, and thus the ACO, with the Chicago anti-apartheid community and to begin a more personal dialogue about the needs of Alexandra Township and how we might be able to help meet those needs.

As a result of our dialogue with the activists, four technical support committees have been formed in the areas of Media, Housing, Health and Education. The purpose of the committees is to develop specific campaigns for technical assistance and material aid for Alexandra Township. Thus far the Media committee has been the most active. Members of this committee have assisted the ACO in advancing their communications technology and are writing funding proposals for a much needed newspaper printing operation. Chicago housing activists have begun to form a committee to assist the ACO in the development of low income housing on land set aside by the Alexandra Accord for this purpose. The Health and Education Committees are currently in formation. We urge you to become a member of one of these committees and become personally involved in building the new democratic South Africa of the future.

The Chicago Alexandra Sister Community Project meets on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM at the First Church of the Brethren, 425 S Central Park. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. For more information call 421-5513.

Mary Ntingane
What is CCISSA?

CCISSA seeks to increase public awareness of the situation in southern Africa in order to mobilize support for the struggle against apartheid. CCISSA members operate an educational resource center stocking pamphlets, books, and videos, provide speakers on anti-apartheid issues, participate in public forums and present educational programs. CCISSA supports demonstrations, letter writing and material aid campaigns which not only protest against apartheid but also build support for liberation movements throughout southern Africa.

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I would like to get involved in the Walkathon